



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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TO: Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Sam Unger *SU*
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DATE: November 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Addendum to Notice of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting dated November 6, 2006 for a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to establish Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Trash for the Santa Clara River Watershed

This addendum is to the notice dated November 6, 2006 by Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) for a CEQA Scoping Meeting on December 5, 2006 for lakes in the Santa Clara River watershed:

1. Elizabeth Lake,
2. Munz Lake, and
3. Lake Hughes.

Pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9, Los Angeles Water Board shall conduct CEQA Scoping Meeting to receive comments on the appropriate scope and content of the "functionally equivalent" substitute environmental documents supporting Basin Plan amendments that would establish new Trash TMDLs and implementation plans. The substitute environmental documents will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to its Certified Regulatory Program. (See 23 Cal. Code Regs. §3775 et seq.) The substitute environmental documents are intended to serve as planning level (Tier 1) environmental documents, consistent with Public Resources Code section 21159.

BACKGROUND OF WATERBODIES

Elizabeth Lake, Munz Lake, and Lake Hughes are at the upstream of Elizabeth Lake Canyon Creek which tributaries to the southern California's largest river system, Santa Clara River. These lakes are approximately 3,300 feet above mean sea level (MSL) south of Portal Ridge. The surface of Elizabeth Lake maintains nearly 123 acres with seasonal variations. The east half of Elizabeth Lake is in fenced Los Angeles County unincorporated zone while the west half is within Angeles National Forest. Both Munz Lake and Lake Hughes are also within Angeles

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National Forest but without designated recreational area. The 6 acre Munz Lake is completely enclosed by a private property. Lake Hughes, approximately 21 acres, is surrounded by residential properties with direct access to the lake. Some community storm drains discharging to lakes were observed.

Trash including food and beverage containers of different materials, paper boards and plastic bags, was present in catch basins, storm drains, along streets, on trails and on the areas adjacent to Elizabeth Lake and Lake Hughes.

SCOPES OF TMDLS

In addition to encompassing four primary sections: problem statement, numeric target, source analysis and waste load allocation, the trash TMDL will coordinate with other programs and will:

- Assign load allocations of zero trash to storm water permittees or municipalities;
- Assign load allocations of zero trash to nonpoint sources;
- Be implemented though phased annual reductions in trash dischargers over a period of approximately 10 years;
- Allow for deemed compliance with the zero waste load allocations if the permittees install technology that has been certified by the Regional Board as a "Full Capture Device."

SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Los Angeles Water Board staff has not proposed any specific perspectives for "substitute" environmental document yet, but will consider any reasonable suggestion that may be appropriate to avoid or mitigate significant or potentially significant adverse environmental effects.

Interested stakeholders are specifically requested to provide information about:

- How they or responsible jurisdictions would foreseeably comply with the Trash TMDL;
 - The reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance;
 - Specific evidence supporting that such impacts are reasonably foreseeable, and describing the magnitude (how significant) of the impacts;
 - Reasonable alternative means of compliance that would have less significant adverse environmental impacts;
 - Reasonable mitigation measures that would minimize any unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the means of compliance.
- (See Public Resources Code section 21159.)

The Trash TMDL CEQA Scoping Meeting will be held:

**2 P.M., Tuesday, December 5, 2006
Activities Center, Canyon Room
20880 Centre Pointe Parkway
Santa Clarita, California 91350**

Please contact Dr. Eric Wu at (213) 576-6683 if you have any questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

cc: Michael Levy, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

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